

CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIALCOUNTRY Poland REPORT [REDACTED]TOPIC 1. Troops and Military Installations in Sagan (Zagan)2. Polish Troops in Freystadt and Soviet Troops in Neuhammer (Swietoszw)

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REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED

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1. In the fall of 1953, 11 Polish soldiers who wore blue-grey cloth uniforms and blue gray visor-type service caps with black cap bands worked during the harvest at the nationalized Hirschfeldau (O 52/E 36) estate near Sagan (O 52/E 26). The soldiers were stationed in the barracks installation (formerly Dachsterg Kaserne) on the north side of the road to Sorau (O 52/E 16) in Sagan. They said that their unit was equipped with tanks. One of these soldiers was a driver of a 40-ton tank. A 42d or 52d Regt was mentioned by the soldiers.¹ 25X1
2. Prior to late 1953, the former Artillerie Kaserne on the west side of former Bahnhof Strasse in Sagan was occupied by Polish motorized infantrymen. The soldiers observed at the installation wore khaki uniforms with red service color. The unit had numerous motor vehicles of various models. Motor vehicles observed at the installation included Soviet-made GAZ and ZIS models, Ford Kanada and Studebaker vehicles, and jeeps. Units leaving the installation were mainly equipped with submachine guns. Only a limited number of rifles were observed. Approximately 15 x 76-mm and 57-mm guns which were towed by trucks were observed but no tanks or heavier guns were seen. Some of the infantrymen seen leaving the installation for training walked; others rode on trucks. Three or four companies were seen at one time. Two new buildings quartering Polish soldiers were located just north of the installation, on the opposite side of the street. In late 1953, a long new four-story building was still unstuccoed. The building which adjoined this structure to the west was also four stories high. It was thought that the troops quartered in these two buildings belonged to the unit stationed at the former Artillerie Kaserne.² An old permanent brick building inscribed "Komenda" which was located on the east side of former Bahnhofstrasse opposite the northern end of the barracks installation housed a Polish office which was guarded by a sentry. The stores of the military trade center which sold goods to Polish Army personnel and their dependents were located farther north on the same side of the street.

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3. Prior to December 1953, the former municipal hospital on the east side of former Garten Strasse (now Soviet Army Street) in the eastern sector of the city was still used as a Soviet Army hospital. Soviet officers who were believed to be physicians of the hospital lived in several villas on Soviet Army Street. 25X1
4. A white-stuccoed large four-story brick building is located on the west side of Soviet Army Street northwest of the Soviet hospital. This building housed an office guarded by sentries of the Polish Army and several sedans waited in front of it continuously. The purpose of this office was unknown. Prior to the fall of 1953, the Polish recruiting district headquarters (WKR) was located on the north side of former Sprottau Strasse opposite the former Dorotheen Hospital.
5. In the winter of 1952-1953, Polish soldiers wearing khaki uniforms with red service color who came from the Freystadt (O 52/E 47) station held a four days' winter maneuver in the Hirschfeldau area. The unit arrived by truck and was equipped with some small guns. In the fall of 1953, Polish soldiers from Freystadt picked up straw at Hirschfeldau.⁴
6. In the fall of 1953, the nationalized Hirschfeldau estate supplied 300 tons of potatoes to the Soviet Army. The shipment was reportedly consigned to the Neuhammer (O 52/B 34) training grounds. The drivers of the trucks picking up the potatoes belonged to tank troops.⁵
1. Comment. A tank unit stationed at the Dachsberg Kaserne was known previously. It is known as the heavy tank SP regiment of the 11th Mech Div. It is believed that the soldiers mentioned the 42d Mech Regt of the same division which is carried in Sorau.
2. Comment. In early 1951, this barracks installation, which had not then been completely reconditioned, quartered a motorized artillery unit with guns of between 100 and 150 mm. It is believed that the troops quartered in the installation have been changed in the meantime. The motorized infantry unit is possibly the 29th Mech Regt which is carried in Sagan. It is believed that the guns observed belong to this regiment. The tank battalion is possibly stationed at the Dachsberg Kaserne. The present report fails to mention the 7th Mort Regt in Sagan. 25X1
3. Comment. It is believed that this building houses the headquarters of the 11th Mech Div.
4. Comment. The 38th Mech Regt of the 11th Mech Div was previously carried in Freystadt. In the spring of 1953, an infantry unit was stationed there. The unit is possibly an infantry regiment of the 4th Inf Div. 25X1
5. Comment. The Soviet 20th Tank Div is carried at the Neuhammer training grounds. 25X1

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